GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES- HOME DEPARTMENT – Initiation of Disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati - Departmental action under Rule 9(1) and (2) clause (a)&(b) of revised pension Rules, 1980 – Article of charge – issued.

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HOME (SERVICES-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1504 **Dated: 22-09-2025**

Read the following:-

1) From the Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri, Lr.Rc.No.22/O2/2025, Dt:28.07.2025.
2) G.O.Ms.No.140, Home (Ser.I) Dept., dated:22.09.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government have accorded sanction under Rule 9(1) and (2) clause (a)&(b) of revised pension Rules, 1980 to initiate departmental proceedings against Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati on certain allegations that he failed to take appropriate security measures which led to death of 05 devotees and injuries to 35 devotees in the incident of stampede that took place on 08.01.2025 wherein the crowd gathered in the Padmavathi park surged towards token issuing centre situated inside Ramanaidu Z.P High School, Tirupati, in order to get tokens for 'Vaikunta Ekadasi' dwara darshanam of Lord Venkateswara at Tiruamala.

2. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati under Rule 9(1) and (2) clause (a)&(b) of revised pension Rules, 1980.

3. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of charge (Annexure I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure – I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

4. Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within 15 days of the receipt of this memorandum and also to state whether be desired to be heard in person.

5. Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge are not admitted. He should therefore specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

6. Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date of specified in Para 4 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

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7. Attention of Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati is invited to Rule 9(1) and (2) clause (a)&(b) of revised pension Rules, 1980 and under which no Govt. Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any extraneous influence to bear upon any authority for the furtherance of his interests. If any representation is received in his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violating of Rule 9(1) and (2) clause (a)&(b) of revised pension Rules, 1980. The receipt of the Government order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KUMAR VISHWAJEET
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Encl:- (Annexure I to IV)
To
Sri V.Ramana Kumar, DSP Retd (f) DSP, CCS, Tirupati
(through the Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri)
The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri (with a request to cause its service on the individual and return the dated acknowledgement copy to the same)
Copy to:-
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department.
The OSD to Hon'ble Min (Home).
SF/SC

// FORWARDED:: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE- I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.RAMANA KUMAR, DSP (F) CCS, TIRUPATI NOW UNDER SUSPENSION.

Sri V.Ramana kumar, DSP (f) CCS, Tirupati now under suspension, while working as DSP, CCS, Tirupati, Exhibited gross negligence of duty by failing to take appropriate security measures which led to death of 05 devotees and injuries to 35 devotees in the incident of stampede that took place on 08.01.2025 wherein the crowd gathered in the Padmavathi park surged towards token issuing centre situated inside Ramanaidu Z.P High School, Tirupati, in order to get tokens for 'Vaikunta Ekadasi' dwara darshanam of Lord Venkateswara at Tiruamala..

Thereby, the charged officer violated the Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.RAMANA KUMAR, DSP (F) CCS, TIRUPATI NOW UNDER SUSPENSION.

Sri V. Ramana Kumar, Deputy Supdt. of Police, formerly of CCS, Tirupati, now under suspension, is hereinafter mentioned as Charged Officer.

BASIS OF CHARGE:

As a large number of devotees were expected to visit Tirumala for "Darshan" of Lord Venkateswara on "Vaikunta Ekadasi" and "Dwadasi" days on 10.01.2025 and 11.01.2025, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has been set up eight centres in Tirupati for issue of tokens to devotees. One such centre was set up at Ramanaidu Z.P. High School, Bairagipatteda, Tirupati.

Though issuance of tokens was scheduled to start from 05.00 AM onwards on 09.01.2025, devotees started gathering at Padmavathi park, adjacent to Ramanaidu Z.P High School, from 11.00 AM of 08.01.2025 itself. The crowd which was about 1,500 at 5.00 PM, swelled to 2,500 by 07.30 PM.

Bandobust arrangements were made under the charge of Sri V. Ramana Kumar, DSP, CCS, Tirupati, (Charged Officer) assisted by four Inspectors of Police, 14 Sub-Inspectors of Police and 92 police personnel, including two Special Parties from District Police, one SPF Inspector, two RSIs, and 39 personnel from TTD Vigilance in order to see that issuance of tokens passed off peacefully without taking place of any untoward incidents.

The Charged Officer at 08.25 PM on 08.01.2025 opened the Eastern gate of Sri Padmavathi park without taking adequate precautionary measures. As a result, the waiting crowd surged towards the gate of Padmavathi park thinking that they too were being allowed to go into the queue lines to be issued tokens from the counters located inside Ramaniadu Z.P High School. In the melee, several devotees fell down and in the ensuing stampede, five devotees died and 35 others sustained injuries.

From the above, it is clear that the Charged Officer failed to discharge his duties diligently and responsibly in a situation requiring to take extra precautionary measures as the crowd was in a restive mood having waited for a long time in the holding point i.e. Padmavathi park, to gain entry into the queue lines. In spite of having knowledge of heavy turnout of devotees, he neither assessed the situation properly nor took adequate precautionary measures before opening the Eastern gate. He failed to utilize resources available at his disposal to the optimum such as public address system, rope parties and supporting police personnel to regulate the crowd in a systematic and safe manner. Had he executed bandobust arrangements meticulously by taking all precautionary measures, the tragic incident of losing five lives and injuries to thirty-five others could have been averted.

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Lack of assessment of situation in a proper way reflects a serious lapse on the part of the Charged Officer in performance of his official duties which amounts to gross negligence of duty as defined in Rule 3 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.RAMANA KUMAR, DSP (F) CCS, TIRUPATI NOW UNDER SUSPENSION.

1. Report, dtd 09.01.2025 of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ananthapuramu Range, Ananthapuramu, in letter in C.No.90/CO/DIG-ATP/2025.

2. Preliminary Enquiry Report, dated 13.06.2025 of Sri B.Nagabushana Rao, Addl. Supdt.of Police, Crimes, Tirupati in C.No.02/PE report/AddI.SP(CCS)/2025, dated 13.06.2025, which was forwarded by the Supdt. of Police, Tirupati vide in C.No.A4/PR-02/2025, dated 17.06.2025.

3. Any other witness to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST AGAINST SRI V.RAMANA KUMAR, DSP (F) CCS, TIRUPATI NOW UNDER SUSPENSION.

1) Sri B. Nagabushana Rao, Addl. Supdt. of Police, Crimes, Tirupati

2) Sri N. Ravindranath, Inspector of Police, DCRB, Tirupati, Mobile No. 9390505445

3) Sri S. Jayachandra, Inspector of Police, Renigunta UPS, Tirupati district, mobile No. 94910 74540

4) Sri D. Ramanjaneyudu, Inspector of Police, VR, Annamayya district, mobile No. 77805 96134,

5) Sri K. Dharma Reddy. Sub Inspector of Police (SI 121), Vadamalpet PS, Tirupati, mobile No. 98499 28003

6) Sri P. Suneel, Sub Inspector of Police, Nagalapuram PS, Tirupati, mobile No. 94409 726,

7) Sri O. Ramaswamy, Sub Inspector of Police, Satyavedu PS, Tirupati, mobile. No. 94407 96767;

8) Smt. R. Deepika, Woman Sub Inspector of Police, Mahila PS, Tirupati, mobile No.94907 01392;

9) Sri G. Ashok, PC 2112, Special Party, Tirupati, mobile No. 97055 85959

10) Sri P.N. Dilli Babu, PC 2402, Special Party, Tirupati, mobile No. 93985 38386

11) Sri M. Dasthagiri Babu, Inspector of Police, Sirivella circle, Nandyal, mobile No. 9985366305

12) Sri K. Harinath Reddy, Director, SV Gosamrakshana Sala, TTD, mobile No. 98490 50646

13) Sri M. Vasu, Inspector of Police, SPF, Tirupati, mobile No. 89786 81430

14) Sri M. Jayaramulu, Tahsildar, Narayanavanm Mandal, Tirupati district, mobile No. 94910 77034

15) Sri K. Suresh, Vigilance Inspector, working at Vaikuntam, Sector-II, TTD, Tirumala, mobile No. 83741 02595;

16) Sri M.V. Narasimha Rao, Vigilance Inspector, Sector-IV, TTD, Tirumala, mobile No. 91211 64828

17) Sri Kotakonda Naveen Kumar, AR HC 1867, DAR, Tirupati, mobile No. 81798 64790

18) Sri M. Srinivasulu, AR PC 2575, DAR, Tirupati, mobile No. 94925 48428

19) Sri M. Raghurami Reddy, Security Vigilance Guard, TTD. Tirupati, mobile No. 94413 93946

20) Sri N. Chandrasekhar Rao, Security Vigilance Guard, TTD, Tirupati, mobile No.95427 5204,

21) Sri Y. Ravindra Reddy, Deputy Supdt. of Police, DAR, Tirupati, mobile No. 9154141923

22) Smt. B.R. Saraswathi, Divisional Engineer-II, Electrical Department, TTD, Tirupati, mobile No. 89782 02020

23) Sri J. Subramanyam, A.E., Electrical, O/o D.E.-II, Electrical, TTD. Tirupati, mobile No. 91777 07203

24) Sri B. Manoharam, Superintending Engineer-1 (i/c) TTD, Tirupati, mobile No. 93477 17771

25) Sri M. Vijaya Bhaskar, Deputy Catering Officer, TTD Canteens, Tirupati, mobile No. 94416 45940

26) Smt. C. Sumathi, Executive Engineer-XI, Civil, TTD, Tirupati, mobile No. 95151 24645

27) Smt. G. Kalavathi, AV & SO (Inspector of Police), Assistant Vigilance and Security Officer, TTD Admn., building, Tirupati, mobile No. 86397 45670

28) Smt. Saragadam Venkata Sathya Chandra Kalavathi, age 35 years, w/o S. Venkata Ravi, D.No. 19-160, Chandra Nagar, near Community Hall, Gopalapuram, Visakhapatnam, house wife, mobile No.98855 02055.

29) Sri Saragadam Venkata Ravi, age 45 years, s/o S. Paradesi Naidu, D.No. 19-160, Chandra Nagar, near Community Hall, Gopalapuram, Visakhapatnam, mobile No. 98855 02055

30) Sri M. Rajanath, HC 773, SB, Tiruchanur, Tirupati, mobile No. 9885512246.

Any other witness/witnesses will be examined on behalf of prosecution during the course of oral enquiry, if found necessary.

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